



CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Minutes – Thursday August 16, 2018

- Committee Members:** Doug Ferguson, Chair (CMAP), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA) (via phone), Tom Kelso (IDOT) (via phone), John Donovan (FHWA), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Keith Privett (CDOT), Tom Rickert (Counties)
- Staff Present:** Teri Dixon, Jen Maddux, Paul Mizner, Jeff Schnobrich, Simone Weil
- Others Present:** Jackie Forbes (via phone), Cole Jackson, Mike Klemens, Joshua Klingenstein, Ronald Nordmeyer, Kevin Peralta (via phone), Ted Sianis, Brian Stepp, Mike Sullivan, David Tomzik (via phone), Michael Weiser

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Ferguson announced that there were no agenda changes and stated that CMAP's ON TO 2050 plan launch event is October 10, 2018 with details on postcards at the sign-in table.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—June 14, 2018

On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Rickert, the minutes of the June 14, 2018 were approved.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Ms. Maddux presented the program status summary sheets for active and deferred CMAQ and TAP-L funded projects.

Mr. Pitstick noted the different format of the reports and Ms. Maddux explained that the prior reports were generated using an Access database. CMAP staff is transitioning to solely using the eTIP database and while reports will be generated using this software at a later date, they are currently being produced in Excel.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Ms. Maddux reported that CMAQ programming summary and obligation goal was included in the Committee packets and noted an increase in cumulative obligations from \$64 million in June to \$87 million in August. Mr. Pitstick noted that the region is overprogrammed in FFY 2018, and Ms. Maddux confirmed that while the program amount is higher than the annual allotment, the region maintains fiscal constraint and overprogramming is a tool to reach the annual obligation goal.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 Olympia Fields – Metra Station and Pace Route Access Improvements (07-18-0003)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor requested to withdraw the project due to constituent concerns and CMAP staff removed the project from the program.

5.2 Streamwood – US 20 Pedestrian Access to Hanover Park Metra Station (03-18-0001)

Ms. Maddux reported that the project was originally sponsored by the Village of Hanover Park and sponsorship was transferred to the Village of Streamwood since the majority of the project limits are within Streamwood.

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting to transfer \$24,000 CMAQ (\$30,000 total) from construction to design engineering and \$16,000 CMAQ (\$20,000 total) from construction to construction engineering due to increased engineering costs resulting from additional tasks identified in preliminary engineering. The sponsor is also requesting a schedule change to move design engineering from FFY 2021 to FFY 2018 and construction and construction engineering from FFY 2022 to FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick, and seconded by Mr. Rickert, the requested transfers and schedule changes were approved.

5.3 Richton Park – Metra Electric Station Area Access (07-16-0005)

Ms. Maddux reported that the project was let on June 15, 2018 and the bid documents did not include additional construction and engineering costs based on addendums. Costs have also increased due to project delays, permitting, change orders, and increased coordination among IDOT and Cook County DOTD.

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting cost increases of \$16,208 CMAQ (\$20,260 total) for design engineering, \$81,667 CMAQ (\$111,218 total) for construction and \$6,801 CMAQ (\$8,502 total) for construction engineering in FFY 2018.

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested cost increases were approved.

5.4 Crystal Lake – US 14 at Virginia Rd (11-18-0001)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to move construction from FFY 2021 to FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Pitstick and seconded by Mr. Rickert, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.5 IDOT – US Route 52 & I-55 Southbound Ramps (12-18-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that project was originally sponsored by the City of Joliet and sponsorship was transferred to IDOT since it's on state routes and outside the jurisdiction of the City.

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to move design engineering from FFY 2021 to FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Privett, and seconded by Mr. Kelso, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.6 Joliet – Black Road Traffic Signal Interconnection (12-18-0005)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to move construction from FFY 2021 to FFY 2019.

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, and seconded by Mr. Privett, the requested schedule change was approved.

6.0 CMAQ Performance Plan

Mr. Ferguson reported that under MAP-21 and the FAST Act, CMAP is required to produce a CMAQ Performance Plan outlining performance targets that will be submitted by IDOT on October 1, 2018.

Mr. Pitstick asked whether other CMAQ performance measure materials were presented to the committee previously. Mr. Ferguson responded that the Peak Hour Excessive Delay measure was new to the committee because staff had not completed the analysis by the committee's prior meeting. The data collection was a challenge and it required coordination with IDOT, INDOT and NIRPC to reach consensus on a single target for the urbanized area.

Mr. Ferguson asked the committee members to provide any comments or changes to him in the next month as staff needs to turn the plan over to IDOT prior to October 1, 2018.

7.0 FFY 2020-2024 Program Development

Mr. Ferguson reported that the memo on updates to program development includes responses to comments received from the CMAQ PSC Committee as well as from the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition. Regarding the air quality cost effectiveness component of evaluation, staff proposed to include NOx emissions reductions in addition to the currently evaluated VOC and PM_{2.5} emissions and presented the scores of projects evaluated in the last program development cycle. Mr. Pitstick recalled that years ago there were certain project categories that did not show NOx improvements but the presented scores are not reflective of that. Mr. Ferguson responded that projects that show low VOC benefits also perform poorly in NOx benefits. He noted

that no certain project category did not show any NOx benefits, which may be due to staff's use of the updated USEPA MOVES model.

Mr. Ferguson reported that the changes in the transportation impact criteria measure of evaluation are focused primarily on highway project scoring, as presented at the June committee meeting. Feedback received on this measure outlined concern specific to the safety improvement component and whether staff has the capability to properly measure it. Mr. Ferguson clarified that the proposal regards safety improvement as a planning factor and not as an engineering measure. Mr. Rickert stated that the proposed changes do not assist the region in making progress toward the targets considered in the CMAQ Performance Plan by reducing the points for the reliability factor. The region has dedicated funds for safety improvements while safety is also a component of every project, and the proposed weighted criteria will have minimal impact. Mr. Ferguson responded that the 10 points dedicated to safety will not change the intention of the CMAQ program, and while safety may not be specific to this funding it is an important performance measure for the region, and the limited funding dedicated to safety projects may not move the needle enough. The committee resolved that discussions regarding safety will continue over the next few months.

Mr. Rickert asked for clarification on the corridor and transit component of the proposed changes. Mr. Ferguson replied that the intent is to give points to projects that are or are a part of a corridor improvement. Mr. Pitstick stated that if it is too easy to meet the corridor threshold, then every highway project will get points for being on a corridor and transit improvement will become irrelevant. Mr. Ferguson replied that staff is willing to consider a gradation type scoring for this measure.

Finally, Mr. Ferguson reported on staff responses to comments received on the regional priority criteria measure of evaluation. The proposal includes eliminating the parking component and including an inclusive growth factor, which is comprised of people of color under the poverty line traveling on the region's highway and transit network, based on the regional travel model. The committee discussed that projects may receive a maximum of ten points if they meet any of the three components of the regional priority criteria. Mr. Rickert stated his support for inclusive growth and stated his concern over the lack of usage on state and county routes in many of the counties in the region. He stated that projects that will provide access to jobs for communities in need will not be eligible under this point category. Mr. Privett asked whether points would be awarded as the highest value or the average along the length of the project. Mr. Ferguson responded that staff will need to assess that and have more internal discussion.

8.0 Other Business

Mr. Burkhart asked whether staff researched other MPO practices in regard to evaluating projects on air quality cost effectiveness, transportation impact, and regional priorities. Mr. Ferguson replied that many MPOs use much more simplistic methods, such as average air quality cost effectiveness for a specific project type. Mr. Ferguson noted that the Volpe Center has been creating a tool for project evaluation for which CMAP staff was consulted, and staff would attempt to gather more information on other practices.

Mr. Tomzik reported that on August 13th, Pace and the Tollway opened the station on Barrington Road and I-90. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for August 21st and the station will be dedicated to Mike Bolton. Mr. Tomzik thanked the committee for the project funding.

Mr. Privett reported that today is his 28th anniversary with CDOT.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Rickert, and seconded by Mr. Privett, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee Members:

____ Darwin Burkhart

____ Mark Pitstick

____ Chris Schmidt

____ Luann Hamilton

____ Jeffery Schielke

____ Chris Snyder

____ Douglas Ferguson, Chair